

**Sonoma 101 Widening & Soundwall Construction (Wilfred to Route 12)
Final Negative Declaration/Final Environmental Assessment**

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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December 28, 1998

Ms. Kathleen McBride
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Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Dear Ms. McBride:

Subject: Comments to the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, Highway 101
Widening and Soundwall Construction in Sonoma County from the Wilfred
Avenue Interchange to the Route 101/12 Separation.

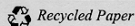
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We have reviewed the document titled *Initial Study/Environmental Assessment, Highway 101 Widening and Soundwall Construction in Sonoma County from the Wilfred Avenue Interchange to the Route 101/12 Separation* dated October 1998. The proposed project will widen State Route 101 from 4 to 6 lanes, add auxiliary lanes, and construct soundwalls. The project is needed to improve safety and reduce delays.

Our agency has the following comments regarding the proposed project:

1. If the area of disturbed soils is five acres or larger, this project will be eligible for a General Construction Activity Storm Water Permit. This permit can be obtained through our agency by calling myself or Nathan Quarles at (707) 576-2220. **A**
2. On page 17, the document indicated approximately 408 square meters (4,400 square feet) of wetland resources will be filled or damaged directly by extending culverts. These affected resources fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Liz Varhagen should be contacted at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 333 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2197 telephone number (415) 977-8451. **B**
3. Should the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determine this project is eligible for a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, a Clean Water Act Section 401 permit will also be required. A 401 permit can be obtained through our agency by contacting me for the necessary paper work. **C**

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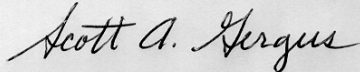
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Should you have any additional questions, please contact me at (707) 576-2685.

Sincerely,

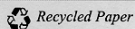


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cc: Ms. Liz Varnhagen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 333 Market
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Mr. Dale LeGallee, California Department of Transportation, District 04 - Construction,
202 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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RESPONSE #39 - LETTER

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Comment Number	Response
39-A	Comment noted. The appropriate storm water permits will be obtained prior to construction.
39-B	The Army Corp of Engineers will be contacted regarding the disposition of the affected wetland resources before construction.
39-C	All permits deemed necessary by the ACOE will be obtained prior to construction. Wetland and waters located in the project area are under the jurisdiction of the North Coast Water region and must comply with permit CAS #000003, Order #99-06-DWQ and General Permit CAS #2000002, Order #99-08-7-345.